

TRADING IS LISTLESS

Two Hours' Session of New York Stock Exchange Without Great Importance.

ATTENDANCE QUITE SMALL

Attempt to Take Profits on Advance Carries Prices Back to Thursday's Level.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The two hours session of the Stock Exchange to-day, intervening between the sessions of Thursday and Monday, did not attract more than a small attendance of brokers and members, but trading was listless and unimportant. The opening level was higher to conform to the parity of London prices, which had been lifted slightly yesterday during the holiday here. The small room traders attempted to take the day's profits after the bank statement, with the result of carrying prices back to about the level of Thursday's prices.

Although the preliminary estimates of the currency movement through regular channels indicated a slight regular decline, the following dollar decrease of \$4,029,000 shown by the bank statement did not cause great surprise, as there was knowledge of considerable shipments to Baltimore, which did not figure in the estimates. The nominal increase in London was less than was expected and would be considered a negative factor.

The week's announcements of the placing of \$60,000,000 of eighteen month Pennsylvania Company notes, \$6,000,000 Mexican Pacific notes and \$1,000,000 from the Cuban loan with the addition of \$35,000,000 Cuban loan we prove of the large actual demands upon credits which are in course of saturation. These seemed to be special pressure directed against New York, and official aid of a similar operating assistance. Official action, that an issue of notes was in contemplation by the company did not avail altogether to quiet apprehension on this subject.

Business in bonds has been less, the placing of railroad notes and of various new bond issues serving to divert the investment demand from existing issues. U. S. now 4% coupon, have declined 1/4 per cent. on call during the week.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 5,650 shares.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Money on call nominal; no loans. Time loans steady; sixty days 3 3/4 to 4 per cent.; thirteen days 4 to 4 1/4; six months 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent.; one year 5 1/2 to 6 1/2; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$18.50 to \$18.50 for demand, and at \$43.50 to \$42.70 for six-day bills. Postage rates \$4 1/2 to \$4 1/4 and \$4 1/2 to 2. Commercial bills \$4.1 to \$4.2. Bar silver 34 1/4; Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The statement of averages of the clearing house bank of this city shows a balance of \$1,000,000, which is \$299,560,700, an increase \$759,100, deposits \$1,026,27,500, decrease \$759,000, circulation \$40,370,100, decrease \$4,229,000; legal tenders \$17,321,100, decrease \$1,341,000; special \$2,844,500, decrease \$1,099,000; reserve required \$256,583,375, decrease \$19,750; surplus \$1,310,225, decrease \$1,03,500; excess reserves \$12,967,025, decrease \$133,88,175.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 13, 1904.

GALLIES.

Virginia Centurion—1,600 at 94 1/2; 100 at 94. Richmond City—4s—500 at 104.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. preferred—21 shares at 104; 100 at 103 1/2.

Virginia-Centurion Chemical Co. 5 p. c. bonds—10,000 at 92 1/2; 5,000 at 92 1/2; 1,600 at 93 1/2.

STATE SECURITIES.

Bid Asked

North Carolina—C. 1910—4% 100.

Va. State—C. and R. 1922—5 1/2 100.

Va. Centurion—2,3, and R. 1931—91 1/2 94.

CITY SECURITIES.

Richmond City 4s, R. 1920-1930—102 1/2 104.

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Atlanta and Char. 1st 15 R. 1907—107.

A. & T. & S. 1st 15 R. 1907—100.

Georgia and Pacific 1st 15, R. 1922—118.

Georgia, St. and Fla. 1st, 58, 1945—110.

Hill and M. 1st 15, 1945—128.

E. A. L. Con. 1st, 1909—70.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Atlanta and Char. 100 150.

Atlantic Coast Line—100 150.

Chesapeake and Ohio 100 150.

R. I. and Div. Ohio 100 200.

South Atlantic Railway—100 80.

BANK STOCKS.

Broad Street Bank—25 26 24 27.

First National—100 193.

Merchants National—100 350.

National Bank of Virginia—100 125.

Planters National—100 350 360.

State Bank of Virginia—50 169.

Virginia Trust Company—100 101.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Va. Car. Chem. pf. 100 101 1/2 100.

Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. 100 28 30.

Va.-Car. Co. Col. Tr. 100 62 65.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 13.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 3 points to an advance of 1 point, showing indications of strength as the crop came in, in the absence of important offerings. Buying was encouraged by the belief in interpretation of the weather reports that the market would break in New Orleans, while the local market was closed yesterday, and the fear of European competition was removed. The market opened steady, and advanced on the arrival of cables. The close was firm at 104 3/4, not higher. May closed at 104 1/2; July 104 1/2; Sept. 104 1/2.

Cotton futures opened steady, and closed higher than the close of yesterday, with the market very narrow and irregular with trading largely of the professional character common to Saturday.

Futures at the ports to-day were 12,820 bales against 21,808 last week and 21,196 last year. For the month of January, 1904, the market was 1,524,111 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 6,535 bales, against 8,641 last year, and at Houston 2,724 bales agains 8,801 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

Open High Low Close

February 13.62 12.62 12.59 13.17

March 13.74 13.83 13.99 13.78

April 14.00 13.81 13.81 13.73

May 10.97 11.00 11.00 11.00

June 14.19 14.19 14.19 14.30

July 11.21 11.23 13.91 13.92

August 10.69 10.69 13.30 13.31

September 11.80 11.80 11.80 11.87

October 11.38 11.38 11.35 11.35

November 11.38 11.38 11.35 11.35

December 11.38 11.38 11.35 11.35

Spot cotton closed steady; middling upland, 15.05; middling gulf, 15.05; sales, 17,015 bales.

Cotton, steady; middling, 14.80; gross receipts, 6,032 bales; average, 9,914; total, 75,783 bales.

Total 10-day sales, 15,000 bales; net receipts, 10,000 bales.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

FLOUR—Receipts continue light; market quiet and steady.

STARCH—Strong; light receipts.

OATS—Active; fair receipts.

RICE—With better demand and light receipts, up advance quotations; moderate.

DRIED PEANUTS—Steady to-day at quotations; moderate.

BUTTER—Receipts of low grades liberal and market dull; while the higher grades are in market dull, in good demand.

CHOCOLATE—Active at prices quoted with light receipts.

POTATOES—Receipts continue light and market strong.

APPLES—Receipts increasing, but the market continues active.

ORANGES—Dull; liberal receipts.

ONION—Active; fair receipts.

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